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overall stage. To increase the accuracy associated with a reticle scanning stage and to substantially minimize the size of the reticle scanning stage, smaller, more controllable actuators may be used with the reticle scanning stage, at the expense of acceleration capabilities.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8 at line 16 with the following:

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Fig. 5b is a diagrammatic representation of a coarse stage and a fine stage, *i.e.*, coarse stage 506 and fine stage 510 of Fig. 5a, when the coarse stage is either moving at a constant velocity in a positive y-direction or in a stationary position in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention.

REMARKS

The Specification has been amended to correct inconsistencies and to provide clarity.

In view of the above, the Applicants believe that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below. If any fees are due in connection with the filing of this amendment, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 50-1652 (Order No. NRCAP003).

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